

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Stephan NEES et al.

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESERVING THE ENDOTHELIUM IN  
ISOLATED HOLLOW ORGANS AND BIOLOGICAL VESSELS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated **January 5, 2009** response for which is presently due on or before **May 5, 2009**, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.